



## **Guide to the Conlin Family Papers**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

### **Collection Title**

Conlin Family Papers, 1853-1939

### **Collection Number**

307-1073

### **Collector**

Columbia State Historic Park (Columbia, Calif.).

### **Extent**

7.7 cubic feet (8 boxes)

### **Repository**

California State Parks. Columbia State Historic Park (Columbia, Calif.).

### **Location of Collection**

The collection is located at Columbia State Historic Park, Columbia, Calif.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Access**

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### **Processing History**

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## Biography

John and Julia C. Conlin were married in Massachusetts in 1855 and moved to Shaws Flat, Tuolumne County, California in 1856, where Mrs. Conlin gave birth to the first of her 11 children:

|             |                       |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mary Ann    | b. 1856 Shaws Flat    | d March 14, 1890      |
| Thomas      | b. May 14, 1859       | d January 10, 1930    |
| Andrew      | b. 1863 Columbia      | d November 11, 1883   |
| John Philip | b.                    | d October 18, 1921    |
| Julia       | b. October 9, 1865    | d. October 2, 1939    |
| Katherine   | b. October 2, 1868    | d. October 12, 1888   |
| George F.   | b. 1868               | d. November 22, 1916  |
| James B.    | b. September 17, 1873 | d. February 1, 1931   |
| Rosa        | b. 1874               | d. November 2, 1889   |
| Charles H.  | b. September 17, 1876 | d. September 27, 1893 |
| Margaret    | b,                    | d. July 1, 1944       |

John Conlin, Sr. was killed in a mining accident near Shaws Flat in October, 1877. Julia C. Conlin died in January, 1878. All of their children were educated in Columbia public schools. Tom, the primary assembler of this collection, also studied bookkeeping in Stockton and in 1877 received his state and county teaching certificate. Margaret also became a schoolteacher. Tom operated a Western Union telegraph business in Columbia for 40 years, serving as the third and last Wells Fargo agent, 1884-1914. He was a trustee of the Tuolumne County Water Company until it liquidated, had some involvement with the Columbia Water Company and was an investor in several mining operations, both placer and quartz. An entrepreneur, Tom had interests in several other businesses in and around Columbia. He operated the Fallon Hotel in Columbia in the 1890's, where he also managed a general merchandise store, and he owned several pieces of property in and around Columbia. Conlin also appears to have had a personal loan operation for several of his business acquaintances and personal friends.

Tom Conlin's many businesses and investments resulted in an interest in activities in Columbia and the surrounding areas in the 1850's and 1860's, and he accumulated memorabilia, memoirs and reminiscences of that period. These first and second hand accounts of that period are a significant part of the collection. He also collected memorabilia, photos, clippings and literature on Columbia, the Tuolumne County Water Company and the local vicinity dating up through the 1920's. Tom and his sisters, Maggie and Julia, lived together in the Wells Fargo building for many years, and never married. After his death in 1930, Maggie and Julia remained in Columbia, maintaining the collection and continuing the tradition of gathering information and clipping newspaper articles.

## Collection Scope and Content Summary

The documents produced and collected by the Conlin family relate to every aspect of middle class life in Columbia in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The largest grouping of materials in the collection relate to the Conlin family's business and financial records. Their financial struggles and growth is detailed through bank notes and checks, bills and receipts, deeds and mortgages, and similar documents, primarily in the first two decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Some promissory notes may relate to Conlin's personal and business loans to others.

Conlin's mining interests are also revealed through the documents in the collection. Especially interesting are the lists of bullion producing mines in Columbia and the wide variety of mining claim documents. These materials are arranged alphabetically by claim title, and include maps, indentures, proofs of labor, and other mining-related documents.

By far the most unique and valuable materials in the collection relate to the Conlin's personal relationships and family life. The documents in this category depict the struggles of a 19<sup>th</sup> century family's survival after the death of the parents, who left nine underage children in the care of the oldest sister and brother. The deaths of many of these children in the late 1880s and early 1890s, attributed to consumption, is yet another ordeal this family faced and is detailed in the documents. From Penmanship classes to legal opinions, from wedding announcements to death cards, this collection is a gold mine of a striving, ultimately successful middle class family.

Oversize items, while still listed under their series title, have been moved to oversize boxes, and map items have been moved to mapcases. Except for the framed items, photographs have been integrated into the general Columbia Photo Collection.

The collection has been organized into the following series:

- Series I: Business and financial records, 1857-1934. 1.3 cubic ft.
- Series II: Legal records, 1883-1932. .1 cubic ft.
- Series III: Correspondence, 1876-1927. .1 cubic ft.
- Series IV: Mining interests, 1866-1939. .4 cubic ft.
- Series V: Family papers, 1855-1932. .4 cubic ft.
- Series VI: Research and reminiscences, 1890-1928. .4 cubic ft.
- Series VII: Collected memorabilia, 1860-1932. .5 cubic ft.
- Series VIII: Photographs, 1880-1939. .5 cubic ft.
- Series IX: Columbia Water Company, 1930's. .3 cubic ft.
- Series X: Books, 1853-1938. 3.5 cubic ft.

## Provenance

After the last Conlin sibling, Maggie, died in 1944, the family collection was donated to Columbia State Historic Park, a unit of California State Parks (CSP). While no CSP-generated documentation exists detailing the acquisition of the papers, the park does have artifact gift documents that briefly mention the Conlin Collection as the source, and that they were donated through the Columbia Historic Preservation Association (CHPA). The earliest of these gift documents is from 1947. The bulk of the collection appears to have been purchased with monies donated by William Cavalier to CHPA and thence given to the park through the intermediary of Mrs. J.S. (Geraldine) McConnell. Over time other pieces of the collection were gifted by Mrs. McConnell, and credited to William Cavalier and CHPA, of which Mrs. McConnell belonged. There are also notes from early 1950s park staff attributing particular pieces as being from the Conlin Family Collection, some with catalog numbers and some without, and some of these documents were identified through handwriting and known business associates. While the major part of the collection may have been acquired as a gift through the Columbia Historical Preservation Association, park staff may also have found pieces in abandoned structures in the town.

Upon receiving the collection, park staff broke it up and redistributed individual items throughout the archives, filing them according to the business or family name mentioned in the body of the document (sometimes cutting up the document to file in separate locations). In 2001, a survey was done on Columbia collections as part of a statewide archival assessment project, and it was determined that the Conlin Family Papers warranted archival organization and processing. Between 2001-2003 Scott Baker, archaeological specialist with Columbia State Historic Park, and Sherrin Grout, volunteer historian, reconstituted the collection, organized it, and created this finding aid.

It should be noted that although the bulk of the Conlin Collection has been reconstituted, there are still pieces of this collection within Columbia State Historic Park that have not been located. Parts of the collection are possessed by local families and collectors. And some of the Conlin material has been seen on the Ebay website for sale and local antique stores. In addition, it is quite possible that additional Conlin documents could be found in the Tuolumne County Historical Society archives.

## **Indexing Terms**

The following terms may be used to index the description of this collection:

Conlin, Thomas—Archives

Columbia State Historic Park (Columbia, Calif.)—Archival resources



## Collection Contents

### **I/1-83. Series I. Business and Financial Records, 1857-1934. 1.3 cu. ft.**

This series contains documents and materials related to the Conlin family's personal, financial and business affairs. As well, there is material related to business transactions, real estate, or personal dealings with which the Conlins (mostly Thomas Conlin) were associated. Thomas Conlin, in addition to his involvement in many businesses, also loaned and banked money for residents of Columbia. Those notes and documents are included in this series.

#### BOX 1:

|      |   |                |
|------|---|----------------|
| I/1  | Wells Fargo and Co. Bank  | 1885-1900      |
| I/2  | Wells Fargo and Co. Bank, checks  | 1885-1911      |
| I/3  | Wells Fargo and Co. Express, Forwarding Receipt Book                    | ca early 1900s |
| I/4  | Wells Fargo and Co. Express, Money order receipts,                      | 1900-1914      |
| I/5  | Wells Fargo and Co. Express, consignee's receipts                       | 1901-1918      |
| I/6  | Wells Fargo and Co. blank receipts                                      |                |
| I/7  | Wells Fargo and Co, miscellaneous                                       | 1857-1907      |
| I/8  | Wells Fargo and Co. Express and Banking Directory                       | 1904           |
| I/9  | London and San Francisco Bank, documents                                | 1887-1888      |
| I/10 | 1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank of Sonora, documents                      | 1909-1931      |
| I/11 | Conlin Deposit Slips  | 1897-1910      |
| I/12 | Bullion Deposits in U.S. Mint   | 1885-1925      |
| I/13 | Salary Statement, T. Conlin   | 1901-1902      |
| I/14 | Misc. letters soliciting sales or financial aid                         | 1890           |
| I/15 | Draft requests  | 1887-1900      |
| I/16 | Draft requests; James Fallon  | 1886-1894      |
| I/17 | Promissory notes and receipts; Fallon related                           | 1865-1889      |
| I/18 | Promissory notes—misc.  | 1883-1896      |
| I/19 | Taxes   | 1883-1940      |
| I/20 | Western Union Telegraph Co.   | 1884-1919      |
| I/21 | Western Union Telegraph Co. telegrams (Box 6)                           | 1886           |
| I/22 | New England Water Co. (aka Columbia Water System)                       | 1902-1934      |
| I/23 | Land sales documents  | 1888-1927      |
| I/24 | Land purchases, documents   | 1882-1914      |
| I/25 | Land purchases in Stockton  | 1893-1895      |
| I/26 | Property lease documents  | 1896-1913      |
| I/27 | Property indentures and agreements, John Davies and David Levy (Nelson) | 1902-1906      |
| I/28 | Deed to Fallon Hotel  | 1881           |
| I/29 | Deed; W. Hinkleman to O. Hinkleman                                      | 1900           |
| I/30 | Deeds and mortgages originally bundled together                         | 1899-1907      |
| I/31 | Proof of labor document   | 1909           |
| I/32 | Grazing permits   | 1903-1910      |
| I/33 | Will of James O'Neill 1897  |                |

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|------|--|-----------|
| I/34 | Invention patent for James Conlin  | 1916-1928 |
| I/35 | Equipment lease  | 1901      |
| I/36 | Invoices and billheads for Bacon's Soda Works  | 1909-1910 |
| I/37 | Invoices and billheads for Boss Bakery   | 1892-1900 |
| I/38 | Invoices and billheads for S.S. Bradford   | 1895-1902 |
| I/39 | Invoices and billheads for H.E. & M.F. Brady   | 1904-1909 |
| I/40 | Invoices and billheads for G.H. Butzbach   | 1899-1900 |
| I/41 | Invoices and billheads for California Electric Engineering and Plating Co.           | 1903      |
| I/42 | Invoices and billheads for Caveron Market  | 1910-1916 |
| I/43 | Invoices and billheads for City Hotel  | 1903-1919 |
| I/44 | Invoices and billheads for Geo. F. Conlin  | 1903-191? |
| I/45 | Invoices and billheads for Damas Machine Works                                       | 1905-1909 |
| I/46 | Invoices and billheads for R.C. Davis  | 1890-1891 |
| I/47 | Invoices and billheads for R.C. Davis  | 1900-1903 |
| I/48 | Invoices and billheads for R.C. Davis  | 1904-1913 |
| I/49 | Invoices and billheads for Engler  | 1889-1909 |
| I/50 | Invoices and billheads for Fallon Cottage/Columbia Hotel                             | 1888-1909 |
| I/51 | Fallon Hotel misc.   |           |
| I/52 | Invoices and billheads for L. Fosterling   | 1893-1899 |
| I/53 | Invoices and billheads for G.W. Hale   | 1892-1893 |
| I/54 | Invoices and billheads for L. Kahnt  | 1913-1916 |
| I/55 | Invoices and billheads for W.H. Koch   | 1910-1913 |
| I/56 | Invoices and billheads for Lewis Bros.   | 1888-1894 |
| I/57 | Invoices and billheads for D.M. McKenzie   | 1879-1903 |
| I/58 | Invoices and billheads for R.L. Price  | 1901-1909 |
| I/59 | Invoices and billheads for E.L. Rehm   | 1893-1907 |
| I/60 | Invoices and billheads for F.J. Schoettgen   | 1883-1903 |
| I/61 | Invoices and billheads for Sonora land and Mining Abstract Bureau                    | 1900      |
| I/62 | Invoices and billheads for Standard Lumber Co.                                       | 1900-1903 |
| I/63 | Invoices and billheads for Hotel Strawberry  | 1906-1910 |
| I/64 | Hotel Strawberry, misc.  |           |
| I/65 | Invoices and billheads for Tibbits   | 1883-1899 |
| I/66 | Invoices and billheads for Geo. M. Trask   | 1914-1917 |
| I/67 | Invoices and billheads for P. M. Trask   | 1902-1903 |
| I/68 | Invoices and billheads for Wilson Store  | 1896-1922 |
| I/69 | Invoices and billheads misc. Columbia  | 1883-1910 |
| I/70 | Invoices and billheads misc. Tuolumne county   | 1883-1907 |
| I/71 | Invoices and billheads misc. Sonora  | 1888-1910 |
| I/72 | Invoices and billheads misc. out of Tuolumne County                                  | 1887-1898 |
| I/73 | Misc. receipts   | 1888-1910 |
| I/74 | Associated material not part of this collection                                      | 1860-1911 |
| I/75 | Wells Fargo & Co. check book (stubs), Series B, Book #4, 10/13/1897-5/7/1898 (Box 8) |           |
| I/76 | Wells Fargo & Co. check book (stubs), Series B, Book #6, 1/3/1899-7/24/1899 (Box 8)  |           |
| I/77 | Wells Fargo & Co. check book (stubs), Series B, Book #7, 7/25/1899-2/1/1900 (Box 8)  |           |
| I/78 | Wells Fargo & Co., Agent Appointment Certificate for Thomas Conlin, 1884 (Box 6)     |           |
| I/79 | Homestead Certificate for Eugene Day, 1888 (Map Case, Drawer 3)                      |           |

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|------|---|-----------|
| I/80 | Tuolumne County Water Co. field survey map by Wallace (Map Case, Drawer 3)  |           |
| I/81 | Account/Note book (empty) for Bosovich and Copeland with notes by T. Conlin |           |
| I/82 | General receipt book,   | 1933-1934 |
| I/83 | Ledger Books; accounts and balances of Conlin Family (Bookshelf)            | 1883-1885 |

**II/1-6. Series II. Legal documents, 1883-1932. .1 cu. ft.**

This series contains legal documents that are associated with the Conlin family, such as lawsuits, liens, judgments, legal opinions and correspondence.

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|------|--|------|
| II/1 | Citation relating to guardianship of minor Conlin children | 1883 |
| II/2 | Attachment to Conlin, re: judgement on James Fallon        | 1888 |
| II/3 | Water research and opinion by Conlin                       | 1907 |
| II/4 | James Conlin letters relating to auto accident             | 1929 |
| II/5 | Complaint and summons, Nelson vs. Conlin                   | 1932 |
| II/6 | Lien: Kress vs. Estey, Stanford and Kelly                  | 1901 |

**III/1-22. Series III. Correspondence, 1876-1927. .1 cu. ft.**

This series contains any type of correspondence i.e. letters, cards, notes, telegrams, announcements and envelopes, to and from the Conlin family, that is personal or has to do with family affairs.

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|--------|--|-----------|
| III/1  | Letter to Mamie from May   | 1876      |
| III/2  | Letter to T. Conlin from J. Egan                                       | 1888      |
| III/3  | Letter to Mamie from Mary Curtain                                      | 1883      |
| III/4  | Letter to Maggie from Dozier   | 1885      |
| III/5  | Letter to Maggie from Gertie   | 1887      |
| III/6  | Letter of introduction for Mary Conlin                                 | 1887      |
| III/7  | Wedding announcement   | 1888      |
| III/8  | 2 letters from Tom Griffin to Tom Conlin                               | 1892      |
| III/9  | 3 letters from Bogert to T. Conlin re: shooting of Colonel Dorsey      | 1896      |
| III/10 | Note to Tom Conlin from Ed, on Davis billhead                          | no date   |
| III/11 | Letter from Louis Blanding to Tom Conlin on City Hotel billhead        | no date   |
| III/12 | 3 documents from Secretary of State's office relating to incorporation | 1904      |
| III/13 | Letter from E.E. Newell to Tom Conlin                                  | 1907      |
| III/14 | Letter from Wm. Phillipson to Tom Conlin                               | 1908      |
| III/15 | Form letter from Callahan & Paynter, soliciting newspaper subscription | 1909      |
| III/16 | Letter from Ben Pownall to Tom Conlin                                  | 1911      |
| III/17 | Letter and envelope from Axel Konig                                    | 1926      |
| III/18 | 2 letters from C.F. Schwilk to Tom Conlin                              | 1923      |
| III/19 | Letter from J.B. Pownall to Tom Conlin                                 | 1927      |
| III/20 | Envelope and note from G.F. Volkmann to Tom Conlin                     | 1927      |
| III/21 | Envelope to Randall  | no date   |
| III/22 | Letters and documents, re; Ramey family and estate                     | 1886-1906 |

**IV/1-68. Series IV. Mining Interests, 1866-1939. .4 cu. ft.**

Thomas Conlin was extensively involved in local mining activities and investments, and also property transactions for mining purposes. This series contains documents associated with his mining interests and associations. Included are mining associated materials.

|       |  |           |
|-------|--|-----------|
| IV/1  | For Sale notice with handwritten notes "Atlas Gravel Mine" | no date   |
| IV/2  | Legend (key) to mining map                                 | no date   |
| IV/3  | List of bullion producing mines in Columbia                | 1898      |
| IV/4  | County recorder letters and documents on water locations   | 1907-1909 |
| IV/5  | Water appropriation notices                                | 1909-1910 |
| IV/6  | Blank mining notice  | 188?      |
| IV/7  | Morrison mining rights                                     | 1931      |
| IV/8  | Blank proof of labor                                       | 192?      |
| IV/9  | Mortgage to Tibbitts and R.C. Davis                        | 1901      |
| IV/10 | Altadena mine misc. documents                              | 1902-1904 |
| IV/11 | Argentum Gold and Silver Mining Co. misc. documents        | 1886-1933 |
| IV/12 | Big Crossing Claim   | 1911      |
| IV/13 | Black Spider Quartz mine indenture                         | 1889      |
| IV/14 | Cleveland Quartz mine misc. documents                      | 1891-1912 |
| IV/15 | Columbia Gravel Mining Co. payroll                         | 1905      |
| IV/16 | Contact Quartz Claim                                       | 1911      |
| IV/17 | Copeland Mine documents                                    | 1890-1901 |
| IV/18 | Dexter Quartz Claim  | 1891-1913 |
| IV/19 | Experimental Mine misc. documents                          | 1886-1929 |
| IV/20 | Fidelity Quartz Mine misc. documents                       | 1913-1920 |
| IV/21 | Fox Mine letter to Tom Conlin from Oakes                   | 1899      |
| IV/22 | Ford Claim misc. documents                                 | 1898-1925 |
| IV/23 | Fraction Claim misc. documents                             | 1923      |
| IV/24 | Fragueiro property mining agreement                        | 1906      |
| IV/25 | Fuchs mine misc. documents                                 | 1897-1913 |
| IV/26 | Golden Bluff Quartz claim indenture                        | 1895      |
| IV/27 | Golden Era Quartz mine misc. documents                     | 1903-1912 |
| IV/28 | Golden Treasure Claim location notice                      | 1926      |
| IV/29 | Henessy Mine misc. documents                               | 1881-1898 |
| IV/30 | Hardscrabble Claim (cross reference only)                  |           |
| IV/31 | Hope Claim agreement                                       | 1905      |
| IV/32 | Hudson and Calhoun Mine misc. documents                    | 1895-1913 |
| IV/33 | Hyapooh Quartz Claim misc documents                        | 1903      |
| IV/34 | Invincible Placer Claim location notice                    | 1917      |
| IV/35 | John Royal Mining Co. misc. documents                      | 1902-1904 |
| IV/36 | Lohman Mine (cross reference only)                         |           |

BOX 2:

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|-------|---|-----------|
| IV/37 | Magruder Quartz Mine (cross reference only)   |           |
| IV/38 | McCarthy Lot agreement  |           |
| IV/39 | McNassar Placer Claim misc. documents   | 1908      |
| IV/40 | McPherson and Hilton Mine misc. documents   | 1873-1925 |
| IV/41 | John Moore Property indenture   | 1894      |
| IV/42 | Mountain Lily Mine misc. documents  | 1898-1909 |
| IV/43 | Mt. Vernon Mine misc. documents   | 1866      |
| IV/44 | North Bell, Thalia, Oppolo and Decimal Q.M.   | 1901      |
| IV/45 | Overs Mine misc. documents  | 1899-1939 |
| IV/46 | Perseverance Claim misc. documents  | 1923      |
| IV/47 | Platt & Gibson Gold Mining Co. billhead   | 1889      |
| IV/48 | Rawhide Mine bill from Sunset Telegram and telegraph  | 1898      |
| IV/49 | Reliance Quartz Claim description   | 1903      |
| IV/50 | San Martin Quartz Claim indenture   | 1909      |
| IV/51 | Sawmill Flat Mine (cross reference only)  |           |
| IV/52 | Charles and Albert Smith Claim sales agreement  | 1903      |
| IV/53 | Soulsby Mine note   | 1927      |
| IV/54 | Springfield Tunnel & Development Co, misc. documents  | 1901-1906 |
| IV/55 | Trout Quartz Claim indenture  | 1902      |
| IV/56 | Union Hill Mine notice of location  | 1914      |
| IV/57 | Willow Springs Quartz Mine notice of location   | 1904      |
| IV/58 | Woodbury Claim (cross reference only)   |           |
| IV/59 | Map of Tuolumne County, Quartz and Gravel Mines, 1879 (Map Case, Drawer 3)  |           |
| IV/60 | Map of Calaveras County, Ancient Channel System, 1894 (Map Case, Drawer 4)  |           |
| IV/61 | Map of Union Quartz Claim (Map Case, Drawer 4)  |           |
| IV/62 | Union Tunnel plan (Map Case, Drawer 4)  |           |
| IV/63 | Schematic drawing of wheel (Map Case, Drawer 4)   |           |
| IV/64 | USGS Geology Map of Northern California and Nevada, 1911 (Map Case, Drawer 4)   |           |
| IV/65 | Map of Stockton Gravel Mining Co. property, Tuolumne County (Map Case, Drawer 4)                                      |           |
| IV/66 | Maps of Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador and El Dorado Counties, California State Mining Bureau, 1903 (Map Case, Drawer 4) |           |
| IV/67 | Map of Excelsior Quartz Mine (Map Case, Drawer 4)   |           |
| IV/68 | Map of Tuolumne County by Hooper, c. 1900 (Map Case, Drawer 4)  |           |

**V/1-16. Series V. Family papers, 1855-1932. .4 cu. ft.**

This series contains documentary material that is personal or family in nature and/or is about a member of the Conlin family (i.e. schoolwork, teaching certificates, notices, announcements, receipts, etc.). Autograph albums are also in this collection.

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|-----|---------------------------------|------|
| V/1 | John Conlin insurance receipt   | 187? |
| V/2 | James Conlin insurance form     | 1915 |
| V/3 | Notes: family history by Conlin |      |

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|------|---|-----------|
| V/4  | IOOF dues receipt, Geo. Conlin                                | 1903-1910 |
| V/5  | Family-funeral related  | 1877-1910 |
| V/6  | Sale receipt for horse to A. Conlin                           | 1883      |
| V/7  | Conlin family schoolwork                                      | 1885-1914 |
| V/8  | Marriage Certificate card: John and Julia Conlin              | 1855      |
| V/9  | Teaching certificates—Tm Conlin                               | 1877      |
| V/10 | Maggie Conlin penmanship tutoring receipt and writing samples | 1894      |
| V/11 | Note, envelope and form for DAR genealogy record              | 1932      |
| V/12 | Writing Booklets of Rose Conlin                               |           |
| V/13 | Composition book of Charles Conlin                            |           |
| V/14 | Back cover of Poppy print 307-34-4L inscribed "Misses Conlin" |           |
| V/15 | Associated material, not in this collection                   |           |
| V/16 | Autograph albums (Box 4)                                      |           |

**VI/1-52. Series VI. Research and reminiscences, 1890-1928. .4 cu. ft.**

This series contains research and documentary material on Columbia and vicinity collected, solicited or written by Thomas Conlin. They are in the form of letters, notes, interviews and transcriptions, including handwritten copies of items such as early advertisements, ledgers and minute books.

|       |  |      |
|-------|--|------|
| VI/1  | Copies of early newspaper advertisements by Tom Conlin   |      |
| VI/2  | Copy of newspaper article relating to San Francisco fire and Columbia by Tom Conlin                |      |
| VI/3  | Copy of early newspaper article on Barclay affair by T. Conlin                                     |      |
| VI/4  | Notes on Tom Gilman ( Shaws Flat) by T. Conlin   |      |
| VI/5  | History and clipping on P.M. Bowen of Columbia by T. Conlin  |      |
| VI/6  | Copy of claims against Tuo. Co. Water Co., 1850s, by T. Conlin                                     |      |
| VI/7  | Research info on Branch family of Yankee Hill by T. Conlin   |      |
| VI/8  | Notes on John H. Shine, P. Doyle, Alfred Rozier, Samuel Clemens, W. R. Gillis, and Robt. DeNoielle |      |
| VI/9  | T. Conlin-misc. personal notes and addresses   |      |
| VI/10 | T. Conlin notes: D.O. Mills and family   |      |
| VI/11 | T. Conlin notes: W.S. Hutchinson   |      |
| VI/12 | T. Conlin notes: Water and springs in Columbia area  |      |
| VI/13 | Copy of minutes of Tuolumne Engine Co. No. 1, 1861, & note on Ball                                 |      |
| VI/14 | Letter from W.S. Card to T. Conlin, re: mining and ditches, Columbia area                          | 1897 |
| VI/15 | T. Conlin notes on deed from T. Conlin to C. Peterson  | 1914 |
| VI/16 | Correspondence, re: Black Bart   |      |
| VI/17 | Letter from B. Schrafe to T. Conlin re: mining in Columbia-Tuttletown area                         | 1893 |
| VI/18 | Copy of 1861 account pages of the Columbia Home Guards, Co. A,                                     | 1900 |
| VI/19 | Letter, Mrs. Lee Whipple Haslam to T. Conlin; re: Columbia, 49er church and family                 | 1923 |
| VI/20 | Letter, J.B. Doyle to T. Conlin (transcription only) re: St. Anne's Catholic church and school     | 1923 |
| VI/21 | Letter; Jane Finn to T. Conlin; re: Mrs. Dealy, Columbia (with 2 transcriptions)                   | 1923 |
| VI/22 | Letter; Gus Ogden to T. Conlin; re: mining on Mormon Creek   | 1928 |

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| VI/23 | Letter; T. Conlin to W.F. King; re: Caveron property, Columbia                                      | 1928      |
| VI/24 | Letter; Elizabeth Brodigan Sanborn to T. Conlin; re: early Columbia and Sonora (plus transcription) | 1923      |
| VI/25 | Partial letters, Elizabeth Brodigan Sanborn to T. Conlin; re: early Columbia and clothing           |           |
| VI/26 | 2 letters; Johanna Miller to T. Conlin; re: people identification in Wells Fargo photo, Columbia    | 1923-1926 |
| VI/27 | T. Conlin note: list of people in Wells Fargo photo, Columbia (plus transcription)                  |           |
| VI/28 | Letter; J.L. Sullivan to T. Conlin; re: Ward cave and local mining                                  | 1924      |
| VI/29 | Letter: (transcription only); Mary Curtin Lloyd to T. Conlin; re: St. Anne's Church and school      | 1924      |
| VI/30 | Letter; Irene Hall Bacon to T. Conlin; re: Columbia schoolteachers                                  | 1924      |
| VI/31 | Letter; Lyndall Miller to T. Conlin; re: old Columbia and Ward cave                                 | 1925      |
| VI/32 | T. Conlin notes: on deed from Kress to Engelke and Kane; re: C. Kress ranch                         |           |
| VI/33 | T. Conlin notes; re: Ford Claim   | 1908-1911 |
| VI/34 | Letter; E.W. Holland to T. Conlin; re: Crossetts family of Sonora                                   | 1927      |
| VI/35 | Letter; Ed Zumwalt to T. Conlin; re: Zumwalts and Case, Shaws Flat                                  | 1927      |
| VI/36 | Letter; Mame. G. Peyton to T. Conlin; re: Wm. Kenny and Tuolumne reunion                            | 1927      |
| VI/37 | Letter; John Grady to T. Conlin; re: Springfield  | 1927      |
| VI/38 | Letters; Pearl McCausland Bratton to T. Conlin; re: Springfield                                     | 1926      |
| VI/39 | Letters and notes; re: Carney family, Springfield   |           |
| VI/40 | Letter; J.H. West to T. Conlin; re: Springfield   | 1927      |
| VI/41 | Letter: J.A. Sweeney to T. Conlin; re: Springfield  | 1925      |
| VI/42 | Letter; Julia A. Smith to T. Conlin; re: Springfield  | 1926      |
| VI/43 | Correspondence; Marcus Honey to T. Conlin; re: Springfield  | 1926      |
| VI/44 | Letter; T. Conlin to F. Seaver; re: Springfield   | 1926      |
| VI/45 | Letters and notes Champney family to T. Conlin; re: Springfield                                     |           |
| VI/46 | T. Conlin notes and research; re: Springfield   |           |
| VI/47 | T. Conlin notes; re: Jamestown  |           |
| VI/48 | T. Conlin notes and research; re: Martinez, early claims  |           |
| VI/49 | T. Conlin notes; re: Rawhide (local)  |           |
| VI/50 | T. Conlin notes; re: Stent  |           |
| VI/51 | T. Conlin notes; re: Tuttletown   |           |
| VI/52 | T. Conlin notes; re: Woods Crossing   |           |

## **VII/1-52. Series VII. Collected Memorabilia, 1860-1932. .5 cu.ft.**

This series contains memorabilia collected by members of the Conlin family, namely, Thomas, Julia and Maggie. From the late nineteenth century through the 1930s, they collected memorabilia of all types related to Columbia, Tuolumne County, the Mother Lode, mining (locally specific and general), the Gold Rush as well as odds and ends. A large portion of this series consists of newspaper and periodical clippings. Some of the clippings were cut out by a member of the Conlin family, but many were cut out later by Columbia State Historic Park staff from newspapers and periodicals that came with the Conlin Collection donated in 1947.

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| VII/1 | Booklet: <u>State Resources</u> on Tuolumne County | 1890 |
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| VII/2  | Wells, Fargo & Co. Express; notes by H. Sevening, agent,<br>Pat Finnegan and James O'Neil | 1881-1882 re: |
| VII/3  | Misc. Tuolumne and Calaveras counties, general memorabilia                                | 1900-1926     |
| VII/4  | Bret Harte Pageant  | 1931-1932     |
| VII/5  | Knapp & Davis store; Columbia: ledger sheets and log book                                 | 1890          |
| VII/6  | Knapp & Davis & R.C. Davis: checks  | 1892-1908     |
| VII/7  | R.C. Davis store: business licenses   | 1914-1918     |
| VII/8  | R.C. Davis store: tobacco tax receipts  | 1915-1916     |
| VII/9  | California Midwinter Mining Exposition; applicant form                                    | 1890s         |
| VII/10 | L.C. Tibbitts: misc. memorabilia  | 1895-1913     |
| VII/11 | Democratic State Election tickets: Conlin accounting on back                              | 1880s         |
| VII/12 | Fallon Theatre related: playbills   | 1892-1913     |
| VII/13 | Columbia, misc.   |               |
| VII/14 | Sonora, misc.   |               |
| VII/15 | Out of Tuolumne county misc.  |               |
| VII/16 | Clippings; re: Conlin family  |               |
| VII/17 | Clippings; re: M.B. Harriman  |               |
| VII/18 | Clippings; re: Columbia   |               |
| VII/19 | Clippings; re: Columbia   |               |
| VII/20 | Clippings; re: Columbia   |               |
| VII/21 | Clippings; re: Sonora   |               |
| VII/22 | Clippings; re: Sonora   |               |
| VII/23 | Clippings; re: Brown's Flat   |               |
| VII/24 | Clippings; re: Gold Springs   |               |
| VII/25 | Clippings; re: Jackass Hill   |               |
| VII/26 | Clippings; re: Jamestown  |               |
| VII/27 | Clippings; re: Knight's Ferry (landing)   |               |
| VII/28 | Clippings; re: Sawmill Flat   |               |
| VII/29 | Clippings; re: Shaws Flat   |               |
| VII/30 | Clippings; re: Springfield  |               |
| VII/31 | Clippings; re: Strawberry Resort  |               |
| VII/32 | Clippings; re: Tuttletown   |               |
| VII/33 | Clippings; re: Woods Creek  |               |
| VII/34 | Clippings; re: Yankee Hill  |               |
| VII/35 | Clippings; re: Water & Power, Tuolumne County   |               |
| VII/36 | Clippings; re: Bret Harte-Mark Twain related  |               |
| VII/37 | Clippings; re: misc. California history   |               |
| VII/38 | Clippings; re: Mother Lode history  |               |
| VII/39 | Clippings; re: Tuolumne County mines, A-F   |               |
| VII/40 | Clippings; re: Tuolumne County mines, G-N   |               |
| VII/41 | Clippings; re: Tuolumne County mines, O-W   |               |
| VII/42 | Clippings; re: Mines and mining, misc. Tuolumne County                                    |               |
| VII/43 | Clippings; re: Mines, Calaveras County  |               |
| VII/44 | Clippings; re: Mining related, general misc.  |               |
| VII/45 | Clippings; re: Lime production  |               |
| VII/46 | Clippings; re: Tin mines  |               |



- VII/47 Clippings; re: Standard Lumber Co.  
 VII/48 Clippings; re: Tuolumne County misc  
 VII/49 Clippings; re: Transportation related, Tuolumne County and vicinity  
 VII/50 Clippings; re: Misc. out of Tuolumne County  
 VII/51 Poster of Tuolumne County Water Company Water Rates, framed (Box 3) 1860  
 VII/52 Checkbooks for R.C. Davis; Wells, Fargo Nevada National Bank (Box 7)

### **VIII/1. Series VIII. Photographs, 1880-1939. .5 cu. ft.**

This series contains Conlin Family photographs, related and unrelated portraits, and images of Columbia and towns in and around Tuolumne County. They are both personal family collections as well as collected photo memorabilia. Photo albums are also included in this series.

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| VIII/1 Photographs: Conlin family              | (Columbia Photo Collection Files) |
| VIII/2 Photographs: Columbia town and vicinity | “ “ “ “                           |
| VIII/3 Photographs: misc. portraits            | “ “ “ “                           |

#### **BOX 3:**

- VIII/4 Framed photograph: Thomas Conlin and Mary Brian  
 VIII/5 Framed photograph: Thomas Conlin and Mary Brian

#### **BOX 4:**

- VIII/6 Photograph albums; portraits

### **IX/1. Series IX. Columbia Water Company, 1930's. .5 cu. ft.**

This series contains a large number of blank forms of the Columbia Water Company owned and operated by the Conlin Family, mainly Thomas and George Conlin. This business existed through the 1930s.

#### **BOX 5:**

- IX/1 Blank Columbia Water Company forms.

### **X/1-. Series X: Books, 1853-1938. 3.5 cu. ft.**

This series contains a variety of books, scrapbooks, booklets, and composition books, directly related to the Conlin Family. Some are identified as coming to the state with the Conlin collection but with other names inscribed in them. These may be part of the Conlin Family personal library or collected by them as memorabilia.

1. History of the United States (307-795-9)

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| 2. General Confession Made Easy (307-795-3)  | 1885      |
| 3. The Favorite Pictorial Dictionary (307-795-11)  | 1882      |
| 4. Elements of Geology (307-780-10)  | 1855      |
| 5. The Pacific Coast Third Reader (307-780-4)  | 1874      |
| 6. The Pacific Coast Third Reader (307-780-9)  | 1874      |
| 7. Progressive Intellectual Arithmetic (307-X-488)   | 1858      |
| 8. Quackenbos's First Book in Grammar (307-780-1)  | 1864      |
| 9. Electric Bells and All About Them, n.d. (307-780-8)                                     |           |
| 10. Composition Book: Songs and Poems, James and Julia Conlin, n.d. (307-795-25)           |           |
| 11. School Entomology (307-795-8)  | 1883      |
| 12. Exploration and Adventure in Siberia (307-742-1)                                       | 1859      |
| 13. Penmanship and Letter Writing (307-742-1)  | 1867      |
| 14. Rensselaer's San Francisco Business Directory (307-X-1125)                             | 1898-1899 |
| 15. Ray's Intellectual Arithmetic (307-780-7)  | 1860      |
| 16. Seinton's Word-Analysis (307-X-509)  | 1874      |
| 17. Robinson's Progressive Intellectual Arithmetic on the Inductive Plan<br>(307-X-492)    | 1863      |
| 18. Key to Robinson's Progressive Practical Arithmetic (307-X-536)                         | 1874      |
| 19. Higher Lessons in English (307-X-632)  | 1877      |
| 20. Elements of Algebra (307-795-4)  | 1881      |
| 21. Krider's Sporting Anecdotes (307-789-6)  | 1853      |
| 22. Heart Songs, Melodies of Days Gone By (307-795-5)                                      | 1909      |
| 23. The Speakers' Complete Program (307-795-33)  | 1891      |
| 24. Scrap book of newspaper clippings, re: poems, songs and remedies (307-X-1273)          |           |
| 25. Scrap book of newspaper clippings, re: misc.-general (307-X-1227)                      |           |
| 26. Neustadter Bros' Catalogue; Standard Shirts and Gents Furnishing Goods,<br>(307-795-2) | 1879      |
| 27. Krusis' Drawing, Synthetic Series, No. 4 (307-795-24)                                  | 1878      |
| 28. The Principles of Grammar (307-795-17)   | 1854      |
| 29. Robinson's Progressive Practical Arithmetic (307-795-14)                               | 1871      |
| 30. New Websterian Dictionary (307-795-12)   | 1912      |
| 31. Graded Lessons in English (307-X-631)  | 1881      |
| 32. Representative and Leading Men of the Pacific (307-795-35)                             | 1870      |
| 33. Mitchell's School Geography, n.d. (307-X-557)  |           |
| 34. English Grammar (307-X-627)  | 1888      |
| 35. Third Reader, Calif. State Series (307-X-588)  | 1886      |
| 36. Alden's Handy Atlas of the World (307-795-15)  | 1887      |
| 37. Note Book of Thomas Conlin, re: Columbia Literary Society, n.d. (307-795-18)           |           |
| 38. McCuffey's New Sixth Reader, n.d. (307-795-16)   |           |
| 39. The Album Writer's Friend, n.d. (307-795-26)   |           |
| 40. English and Grammar, n.d. (307-780-6)  |           |
| 41. Fourth Reader, Pacific Coast Series, n.d. (307-780-2)                                  |           |
| 42. Household Words, selections, n.d. (307-795-20)   |           |
| 43. Favorite Poems (307-777-1)   | 1880s     |
| 44. Third Reader, Calif. State Series (307-X-589)  | 1886      |
| 45. Manual of Geography, n.d. (307-780-5)  |           |

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| 46. Guest Book, Tuolumne Reunion Assoc. (307-X-1237)  | 1928-1938 |
| 47. Household Words, selections, n.d. (307-795-27)  |           |
| 48. Household Words, selections, n.d. (307-795-37)  |           |
| 49. Production of Gold and Silver in the U. S. (307-795-19)   | 1889      |
| 50. Monteith's Physical and Political Geography, National Geographical Series, (307-795-38)               | n.d.      |
| 51. Scrapbook of Conlin family, re: household hints and recipes, pasted in Agricultural Book (307-795-29) | n.d.      |